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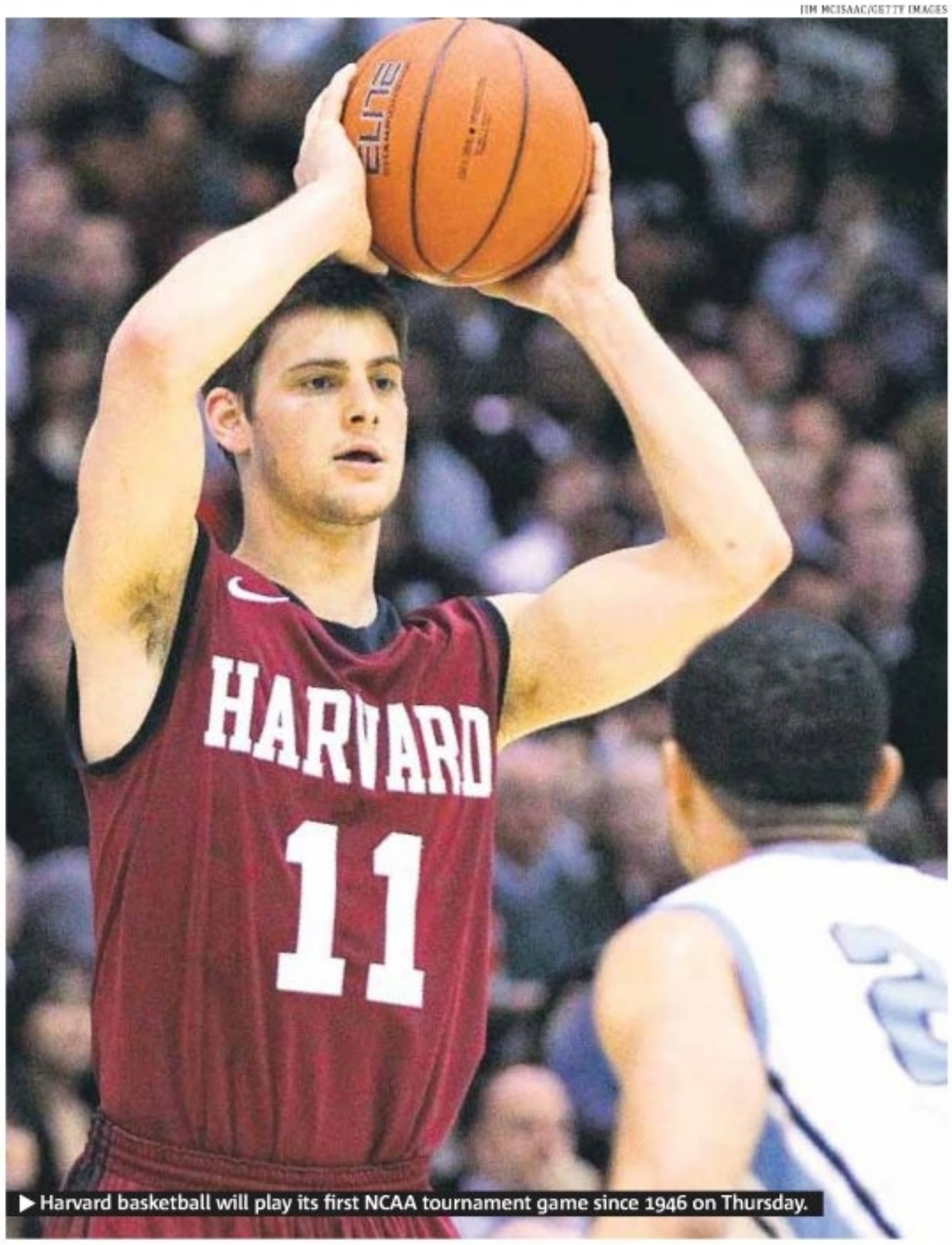

▶ Harvard basketball will play its first NCAA tournament game since 1946 on Thursday.

Harvard goes dancing for the first time since 1946

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Taking us for a ride?

Host of proposed bills to be heard on Beacon Hill today Free rides for seniors, veterans and refunds for commuters among bills to be discussed Late night service on the table?

Free ridership for military personnel, getting refunds for late Commuter Rail trains and extending the MBTA's The Ride services are just a few of the proposed bills going before state officials on Beacon Hill today.

But with the T strapped for cash, transportation leaders said some of the filed legislation is unaffordable, as the MBTA tries to hack away at a $161 million deficit.

"I hope the hearing raises the awareness that folks want more service, but the T can't afford what it runs today," said MassDOT Secretary Rich Davey.

Davey said the desire to expand services is indicative of what transportation officials have been hearing from customers at recent public events regarding fare increases and service cutbacks.

NICOLAUS CZARNECKI/METRO

▶ While T officials have said The Ride is one of the biggest drains on funding, some politicians want to examine expanding the system.

"People want more service not less, and if we had money to offer new services we would in a heart beat," said Davey.

One proposal scheduled to go before the Joint Committee on Transportation today at the State House would bring back late night services for T riders by reinstating the "Night Owl" program.

Backed by state Rep. Sean Garballey and former Sen. Steven Tolman, the bill suggests running major subway and bus routes Thursday through Sunday until 2:30 a.m.

But Davey said the chance of that "is zero," and a top financial adviser for the T agreed.

"There is no way they are going to cut bus services commuters use every day and add late night service," said Brian Kane, a budget analyst for the MBTA Advisory Board. "It's just too expensive."

The T piloted "Night Owl" in 2001, but axed it four years later due to budget cuts and low ridership.

Workers also conduct crucial maintenance on the tracks and trains between 1 and 5 a.m.

However, Davey didn't wipe out the idea completely. "I know it's something in the future if [the financial situation] improved we'd be interested in implementing," he said.

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Future of MBTA up for debate

A host of proposed bills will go before the Transportation Committee on Beacon Hill today, including:

- **Legislation** to exempt certain seniors from paying to ride the MBTA
- **Eliminating** fares for certain members of the armed forces and their dependents
- **Renaming** the Copley and Science Park stations
- **To put** fire extinguishers and safety kits on trains
- **To put** a Commuter Rail stop in Allston-Brighton.
- **Extending** The Ride services to other cities and towns.

Quoted

"There is no way they are going to cut bus services commuters use every day and add late night service."

BRIAN KANE, BUDGET ANALYST FOR THE MBTA ADVISORY BOARD

Refunds for commuters?

What if you didn't have to pay to ride the Commuter Rail because it was too hot or cold?

A bill going to Beacon Hill wants passengers sitting in any train car on the Commuter Rail that "fails to provide reasonable temperature regulation" to ride for free.

It would also "ensure fair treatment of Commuter Rail passengers" by not charging passengers for train rides that are 20 minutes late.

Commuter Rail officials would not comment on proposed legislation.

In the news

$1K

Tickets for the newest lottery game went on sale yesterday offering gamblers the chance to win $1,000 a day, every day, for life. Tickets for the new "Lucky for Life" game will be sold in all six New England states for $2 each. Drawings will take place twice a week with the first being held on Thursday. METRO

Today's local tweet

"I'm listening to Crazy Train by Ozzy Osbourne on Pandora That would be the MBTA in Boston..."

@PETERFRADY COMPARING THE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM TO OZZY LYRICS.

US 'most wanted' is nabbed on North Shore

PEABODY. Police in Peabody were able to capture a New York man on the most wanted list of the U.S. Secret Service during a routine traffic stop.

Sgt. Vincent Paterno said he stopped a car along Route 1 about 2:45 a.m. Saturday and saw the driver jump in the back seat and a woman jump in the driver's seat, according to WCVB.

Paterno arrested the man for unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle. The man allegedly gave a fake name, but a fingerprint check revealed the man's identity as Miguel Jesurum, 30. He was wanted by the Secret Service for his role in a cell phone cloning scheme. METRO

$250M

Jesurum is considered a suspect in a $250 million cell phone cloning scheme in which several individuals allegedly stole information from phone accounts and used it to run a black market international calling ring.

Inmate takes his own life

PLYMOUTH. A 30-year-old man being held in jail on murder charges was found dead in his prison cell this weekend.

Eric Snow, of Bridgewater, was being held for the 2005 murders of two homeless men in Hingham. He was found in his cell Saturday with a plastic bag over his head, according to the Globe.

Snow and another man were set to go to trial in May. METRO

Man who had to go, goes, and keeps going

BOSTON. A Rhode Island man was arrested early Saturday morning and charged with indecent exposure for allegedly relieving himself in a crowded parking lot and then fleeing from police in his car.

According to police reports, Michael Vanasse, 23, was urinating when he was approached by police just before 3 a.m.

Vanasse allegedly got into his car and drove away after officers had told him to stop.

Officers then followed him onto the highway, where the chase was called off.

3 Michael Vanasse told officers he had three drinks at a bar earlier in the evening, according to police, after being arrested for indecent public exposure.

Vanasse was stopped by state police moments later for failing to stay within marked lanes, according to reports.

When he was asked to exit his vehicle, his pants were unzipped, according to police.

He will be arraigned today. METRO

Red Bull thief sought

MARSHFIELD. Police are asking for the public's help in identifying a man who apparently needed a significant energy boost.

Marshfield police recently issued an advisory for a man who allegedly stole 20 cases of Red Bull.

The unidentified man was caught on surveillance video at the Star Market where he allegedly stole the cases.

Police said that he was in the store looking around several days before the theft and that he has made similar attempts in other towns.

Anyone with information can call 781-834-6655. METRO

Last MBTA hearing on cuts, fare hike tonight

BRIGHTON. Today is the last chance to decry the MBTA's proposed service cuts and fare increase proposals during the final public hearing in Brighton.

Monday also marks the last day to submit written protests to the proposals by letter or through the T's website.

According to reports, roughly 5,800 people have attended the public hearings to date.

T officials have been gathering testimonials from riders during more than 30 meetings to try and come up with a way to close a $160 million budget gap. METRO

Cops tracking T attacker

MBTA attack nets nearly 40K views on YouTube Police ask for help Woman seen assaulting, punching man while riding subway car

YOUTUBE

▶ The woman's distinct jacket is distinct just before she hits the man in the head.

A man repeatedly punched by an angry woman while riding the T over the weekend isn't pressing charges, but Transit Police are still looking for information about the suspect.

Officers tweeted Saturday that they are aware of a video posted to YouTube that shows a disorderly woman counting down from five before punching a seated T rider multiple times in the head.

"This drunk chick spent [five] minutes yell[ing] at this guy who brushed up against her dog. ... As soon as she threatened to hit him, I knew I needed to start filming." TANTONEL8, WHO UPLOADED THE VIDEO TO YOUTUBE

According to the person who posted the video to YouTube, the woman "spent [five] minutes yell[ing] at this guy who brushed up against her dog" while riding the Red Line Saturday.

The suspect then starts to hit the seated passenger, who puts his hands over his head to block the attack. Then the woman gets off of the train.

Police are asking for the public's help to identify the woman in the video who is wearing a denim vest with a skull on it and the word "Boston." Anyone with information should contact Transit Police at 617-222-1212.

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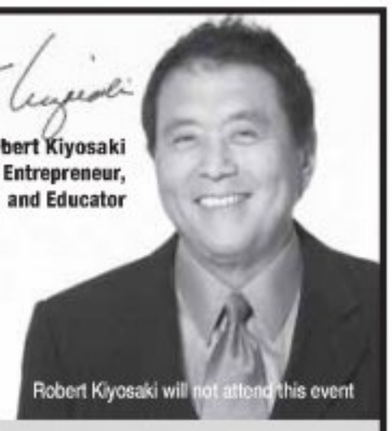
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Cops probe infant death

A 6-month-old girl was found in a car at a fast-food restaurant with her mother ◗ Autopsy results will reveal how baby died, cops say

Police are investigating the mysterious death of an infant who died after she was found in a car at a Dorchester fast-food restaurant this weekend.

Officers were called to the KFC at 695 Columbia Road just before 1 a.m. Saturday, according to police.

When the officers arrived, emergency medical technicians were already assisting a baby girl who was in a car at the restaurant's parking lot. The girl was about 6 months old, police said.

She was taken to Boston Medical Center where she was later pronounced dead.

Police said there were no visible signs of trauma to the girl, but homicide investigators are examining the death. Officers are awaiting the results of an autopsy to determine exactly how the girl died.

During their investigation, police said they learned that the girl's mother was also in the car when emergency responders first arrived.

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▶ KFC

There have been no arrests or charges filed as of yesterday afternoon, police said.

"We're still waiting on a couple of things including the autopsy results," said Officer Nicole Grant, a department spokeswoman.

The KFC was open yesterday. There was no indication of the death from this weekend.

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Whitey's gal to plead guilty?

The longtime companion of alleged fugitive mob boss James "Whitey" Bulger may plead guilty this week.

Catherine Greig, 60, was charged in federal court with conspiracy to harbor a fugitive after the couple's arrest in Santa Monica, Calif., last year. She pleaded not guilty to the crime, which carries five years in jail.

Family members of Bulger's alleged murder victims told the Globe that federal officials indicated that she is considering a plea change.

The family members said they were scheduled to meet with the U.S. attorney's office today, according to the Globe.

Greig's attorneys are due back in court Wednesday afternoon for a pretrial conference. METRO/MN

Community. Seder

▶ Eliane Dreyfuss (second from right) and Debora Heller (far right) break matzo as they take part in the fifth annual Community Seder at UMass Boston hosted by Anti-Defamation League.

COURTNEY SACCO/METRO

ADL holds Seder for the community

Dozens of people gathered at UMass Boston yesterday where the Anti-Defamation League held its annual community Seder. The event, titled "A Nation of Immigrants," aimed to bring diverse communities together to build bridges of understanding, according to the ADL. METRO

Riddle: What's got two faces, surety?

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Rick Santorum added to his delegate count during the weekend with an overwhelming victory in the Kansas caucuses, taking more than half of all votes. But contests in Wyoming, Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands, won by Mitt Romney, reinforce the new campaign reality: No matter how well any of the not-Romneys do, the math matters, and ultimately the numbers will decide the nominee.

See, the candidates are vying to secure enough delegates — done by winning states and/or congressional districts in the various elections — to win nomination before the August convention, and the magic number is 1,144. A candidate who secures that number of delegate votes will be declared the presidential nominee to take on Obama in November. Overwhelmingly, it's looking like that candidate will — eventually, inevitably — be Romney.

This is no idle claim, but rather a fair analysis of the numbers. Following this weekend's contests, Romney assumed an estimated count of 454 delegates to Santorum's 217. (Gingrich and Paul claim fewer.) In other words, Romney has more than twice the number of his closest competitor; and with most upcoming elections awarding delegates proportionally, an alternate scenario looks improbable.

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▶ Based on numbers alone, it is very unlikely that Romney does not secure the GOP nomination.

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Santorum downplayed the delegate gap on "Meet the Press" yesterday after host David Gregory argued he'd need to win 61 percent of upcoming elections to overshoot Romney. "These numbers are going to change dramatically," Santorum said. "A lot of these delegates are uncommitted."

Santorum's latter point is true enough; at this time, delegate counts are merely estimates and anything could, supposedly, happen. But his former point may be a decimal off: With Gingrich committed to "going all the way to Tampa," the numbers just don't add up. And numbers, unlike presidential hopefuls, don't lie.

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Mourning, aftermath

With a moment of silence, prayers and anti-nuclear rallies, Japan yesterday marked one year since an earthquake and tsunami killed thousands and set off a radiation crisis that shattered public trust in atomic power and the nation's leaders.

The magnitude 9.0 earthquake unleashed a wall of water that hit Japan's northeast coast, killing nearly 16,000 and leaving nearly 3,300 unaccounted for. The country is still grappling with the human, economic and political costs.

In the port town of Ofunato, hundreds of black-clad residents gathered to lay white chrysanthemums in memory of the town's 420 dead and missing.

The country observed a minute of silence at 2:46 p.m., the time the quake struck. **REUTERS**

▶ Family members pray inside the exclusion zone of the troubled Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant.

▶ Evacuated children from Futaba Town pray for victims.

▶ Keiko Suzuki prays at the site of her uncle's home in Rikuzentakata, Japan. Kazuyoshi Sugawara was killed when his home was swept away by the tsunami.

▶ Families fly a paper lantern into the sky.

A protester demonstrates against the use of nuclear power in Osaka, Japan.

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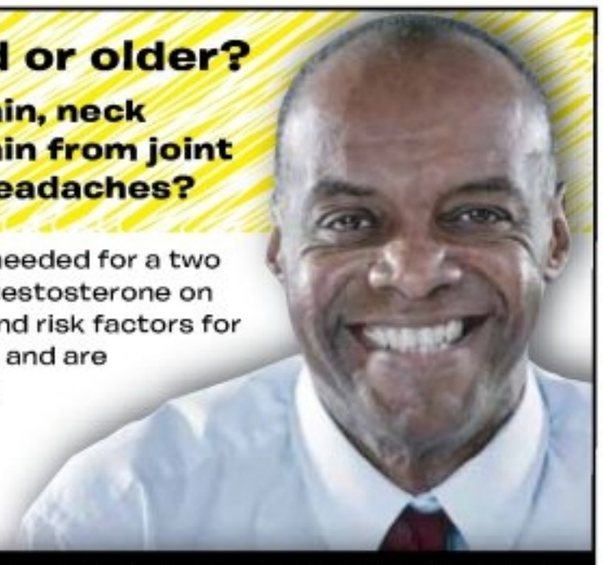

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Japan missed tsunami wake-up call for change

Government back to business as usual as debt piles up and critical decisions put off Only sign of change is growing distrust of politicians

Three months after Japan's March 11 triple disaster, a longtime expert on the country arrived in Tokyo to research a book he intended to title "Rebirth of a Nation."

Months later, Richard Samuels is calling his work "The Rhetoric of Crisis."

A year after the huge earthquake, deadly tsunami and the world's worst nuclear disaster in a quarter century jolted the country, it is clear that even a shock of such magnitude failed to snap it out of its economic and political torpor.

"So far it seems there was more talk of change than change itself. It is all still being sorted out," said Samuels, director of the Center for International Studies at Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Japan's mammoth government debt keeps piling up while critical decisions get pushed back, referred to various panels, lodged in elaborate rituals of "consensus-building" or political horse-trading in a gridlocked parliament.

Mainstream political parties, torn by conflicting group loyalties, proved incapable of setting aside their differences and providing the leadership for which the public longs.

Instead, politicians reverted to business as usual: parliamentary trench warfare and the annual "ditch the prime minister" exercise that gave Japan its sixth leader in five years and now threatens to block vital tax and welfare reforms.

"I personally expected a kind of coalition government just after the earthquake to rescue the economy," says Takahide Kiuchi, chief economist at Nomura Securities. "It never happened and the opposition and the ruling party are still fighting each other. This is my biggest disappointment."

That said, Japan has changed over those past 12 months — though in ways too gradual and unspectacular to grab headlines.

The main driving force: growing distrust of politicians and bureaucrats and public indignation at their incompetence.

"I think it's all moved Japan on its axis slightly more than before. It has definitely made people less forgiving or believing in Japan Inc., the system," said Pelham Smithers, managing director of a London-based market research firm, who has visited Japan several times since March 11.

What remains unclear is whether the anger will force a radical overhaul of Japan's politics, economy and society or deepen public apathy and frustration — or somewhere in between. REUTERS

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▶ This March 11, 2011, sequence shows the coast at Minamisoma, Fukushima prefecture before, during and after the tsunami.

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The feed ...

▶ Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Alec Baldwin is on a new crusade, Roseanne Barr is making pretty big campaign promises, Melanie Griffith has famous friends and Conan O'Brien is ready to celebrate.

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Sugar will shorten your life.

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my 4 yr old grandson Ari asked why he should vote 4 me? i said, "because it means more cookies 4 U!" Barr2012

@MelanieGriffith
Had the always great pleasure of spending time with Ms. Sharon Stone today! On her birthday!!

@ConanOBrien
I've been practicing for this year's St. Patrick's Day. Every morning, I have my personal trainer punch me in the face.

Roseanne Barr

What is Whitney Houston worth?

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▶ What happened to all of Houston's assets?

Although **Whitney Houston's** daughter **Bobbi** is set to inherit her mother's entire "fortune," a 2007 legal document uncovered by Radar Online shows that Houston's estate might not be as much as people are assuming.

An income and expense declaration during her divorce proceedings with **Bobby Brown** states that at the time, Houston had $40,000 in cash and $225,000 in stocks, and she had earned in excess of $1 million for performances, per the site. She declared owning two homes: one house in New Jersey, which was worth $6.5 million (with $3,247,000 owed on the estate) and a townhouse in Atlanta worth $1.244 million (with a reported $1,046,603 owed on that property). "Whitney's bottom line was that she had $10,242,931 in various assets, and had debts totaling $4,294,014," states Radar Online.

Two things that might change this bottom line. One: Any "income declaration" you're showing your ex-husband (who is seeking your hard-earned money) is going to hide a ton of cash. And two: Houston's recording contract was not listed, as it was "considered separate property due to the prenuptial agreement the former couple had."

However, it's important to remember that Houston was also one of the world's best-selling music artists — having sold more than 170 million albums, singles and videos worldwide. In 2001, she signed the biggest record deal in music history for $100 million for six new albums — on which she would also earn royalties. Yes, that contract is separate from what's on that 2007 document; but still, you would think there would be more than just $6 million.

Where did it all go?

Celebrity. Mug shot

LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFFS DEPARTMENT VIA GETTY IMAGES

Entering mug shot hall of fame

Uff! Check out Michael Madsen's booking photo. The once-handsome "Kill Bill" star was arrested on charges of child endangerment and cruelty in Malibu, Calif., on Friday. Reports suggest that Madsen had a physical altercation with his teenage son at the family home. Madsen has since called the whole incident a "big misunderstanding."

Will Spears appear on 'X Factor'?

Britney Spears is reportedly close to signing a deal to be a new judge for the second season of the U.S. version of "The X Factor," according to the Hollywood Reporter. And who's supposedly handling the deal for her? None other than her fiance and former agent, **Jason Trawick**. Spears was rumored to be a top contender to fill one of the judging spots left empty after **Paula Abdul** and **Nicole Scherzinger**. "Are we flattered that there could be interest? Yes," **Simon Cowell** said last month, adding that he "can't confirm or deny any of those rumors at the moment."

Talking points

Klum on her split with Seal

Heidi Klum understands that her split from **Seal** came as a shock to a lot of her fans. "To the outside world, you don't really share all the things that happen. You kind of share just the most amazing sides," she tells Elle magazine. And that's all she apparently wants to say on the matter: "I feel like already there are so many things being said about us — about him, about me. I'm not going to comment. Otherwise it makes you angry. You can't always call and say, 'This is not true, but this part is true.'" Of course, Klum wishes her soon-to-be ex-husband would follow her example, since a lot of the quotes about their split are from Seal. "He's a grown man. I can't tell him what to do and what not to do," Klum says.

▶ Klum

Lohan moves out of Marmont

Lindsay Lohan is no longer shacking up at the Chateau Marmont, according to Radar Online. "Lindsay left the hotel about two and a half weeks ago. It was only temporary, but her new digs could be permanent," a source says. And where exactly are those new digs? "For the first time in 10 years, the paparazzi don't know where she is living and she is enjoying not being hounded," the source adds. "It's a nice break for her to just relax a bit at home like a normal person."

Blunt on making it work with Krasinski

Emily Blunt admits it was difficult to jet off to film "Salmon Fishing in the Yemen" just one month after tying the knot with husband **John Krasinski**, according to Us Weekly. "We were far from home, but we were so busy working we really didn't think about it much," Blunt says of the shoot, which took her to Scotland, London and Morocco. "You talk, you e-mail, you do all of that. There is no magic answer."

The start of SXSW and fake vampire brides to kick off your Monday

1. Producer, director and writer **Joss Whedon** spoke at "A Conversation with Joss Whedon" panel during the 2012 SXSW Music, Film + Interactive Festival at the Austin Convention Center on Saturday in Austin, Texas.

2. Journalist **Lisa Ling** spoke onstage at the "How Women Present Themselves in the Digital Age" panel during the 2012 SXSW Music, Film + Interactive Festival on Saturday.

3. Drake performed as part of his Drake's Club Paradise Tour at the San Jose State Event Center on Saturday in San Jose, Calif.

4. Hubba hubba! Burlesque performer **Dita Von Teese** premiered her **Von Follies** lingerie collection in Australia on Saturday at the Melbourne Fashion Festival.

5. Entertainment One attempted to set the Guinness World Record for the longest chain of brides in one location at HMV, Oxford Street in London on Sunday. The event was held to celebrate the DVD release of (what else?) "The Twilight Saga: Twilight Breaking Dawn Part 1."

6. Actor **Johnny Knoxville** posed for photos during the premiere of his new film "Nature Calls" at the 2012 SXSW Music, Film + Interactive Festival on Saturday in Austin, Texas.

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Maria Shea, director of The Langham, Boston's Chuan Body + Soul Spa, where treatments and therapies are based on traditional Chinese medicine practices, swears by the Five Elements Food Connection, a way of incorporating various colors and tastes into your diet to promote overall health.

"This is a strong base for healthy living," says Shea. "Healthy living is the most difficult 'simple' thing. But use you intuition. Ask, 'Is this good for me?'"

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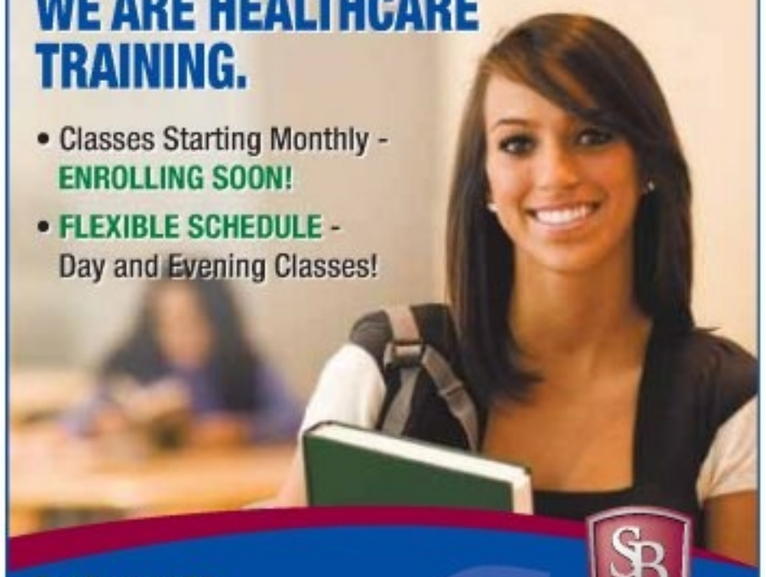

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Little miss 'Les Miz' can't be wrong

Betsy Morgan talks about the 'Dream' of playing Fantine, and how the song that made Susan Boyle famous means something different for her than what the world may think

DEEN VAN MEER

▶ Morgan, inset, and her character had "Dreamed A Dream" before she joined the company of prostitutes in "Les Miserables."

Neil Diamond, Aretha Franklin, Susan Boyle and even members of the "Glee" cast have put their own spins on "I Dreamed A Dream" and helped make it a hit, but the song originated in "Les Miserables.

"I don't look at the song the way that it's been projected in society. I don't think of it as this power ballad that I have to sing as hard as I possibly can," says Betsy Morgan, who plays Fantine in the musical and performs the song in the first act.

Though audience members new to "Les Miserables" may have expectations of the song based on its many interpretations in popular culture, Morgan feels weight on her shoulders for another reason.

"There is a lot of pressure in terms of what the song means in the context of the show," she explains. "It's about reconciling your past with the future and about how life used to be."

Fantine is a factory worker who loses her job and turns to prostitution to support her daughter.

"'I Dreamed A Dream' is in the very beginning of Fantine's story, and she has a long way to go after that," Morgan says. "As long as the audience is with me and has learned something and is emotionally invested by the end of my story, then I feel like I did my job — whether or not I sung this song the way they expected."

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"It's about reconciling your past with the future and about how life used to be." MORGAN

She 'Dreamed a Dream' to be on a Boston stage

Morgan is an Emerson College graduate and was eager to return to her old college town.

"I've been just dying to be cast in a show that comes to Boston, and it's never happened until now," she says. "The entire company has been ticking off the weeks until we get to Boston."

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ABC/NICK RAY

▶ Ben Flajnik hands out the final rose tonight!

'The Bachelor'

REALITY. We'll toast the happy couple only if winemaking bachelor Ben chooses likable Lindzi over crazy Courtney in tonight's finale. Side note: We're not betting on it.
Season finale, 8 p.m., ABC

'House Hunters'

REALITY. Now airing new episodes every weeknight, the addictive real estate search reality series has become an official time-sucking black hole. **10 p.m., HGTV**

'Smash'

DRAMA. Ivy's voice begins to show signs of wear, which isn't the case for Karen, who could use a little more work — like a side gig at a bar mitzvah on Long Island. **10 p.m., NBC**

'America the Wild with Casey Anderson'

REALITY. As the series settles into its regular time slot, adventurer Casey Anderson sets out for the Grand Canyon to witness the ecosystem of the Southwest. **9 p.m., Nat Geo Wild** ● AMBER RAY

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Adding social justice to the syllabus

New book introduces activism to traditional criminal justice courses

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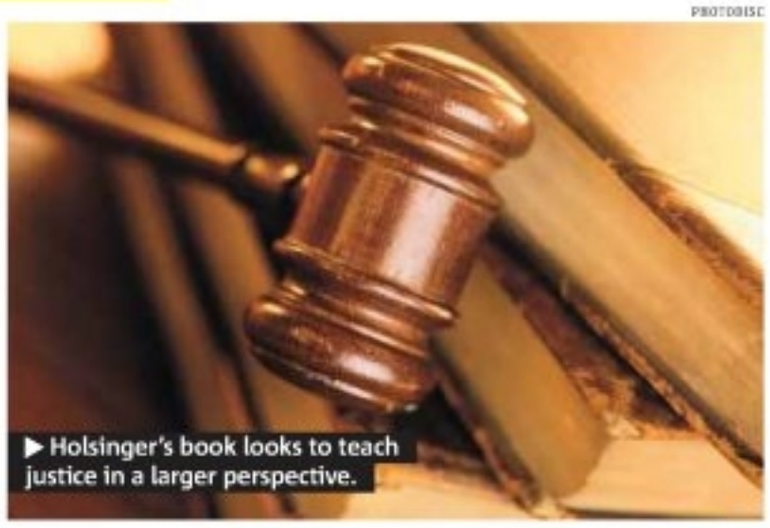

▶ Holsinger's book looks to teach justice in a larger perspective.

For University of Missouri-Kansas City professor Kristi Holsinger, every criminal justice course requires a foundational understanding of restorative justice principles. Criminal justice, in her eyes, is a form of activism: a means of addressing social inequality and injustice.

Her courses at UMKC challenge students to confront these issues face to face, literally: One brings prisoners to campus and includes them in classroom activities.

This month, Ashgate Publishing will release her first book, "Teaching Justice: Solving Social Justice Problems Through University Education," which re-envisions criminal justice classrooms as a place where the most vexing issues in the United States can be explored and addressed in an inquisitive, compassionate, non-partisan environment.

"When I developed [courses] at UMKC, I discovered that the students had traditional criminal justice concepts down, but they hadn't done a lot of work putting criminal justice practices in a larger justice perspective," says Holsinger. "The class became about defining justice in a larger way. It became about community activism."

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Intended for criminal justice teachers, "Teaching Justice" is packed full of ideas for bringing activism to the classroom and elucidating social justice concerns amongst students.

"A lot of the ideas in this book challenge the status quo. In that way, it could be negatively categorized as ideological," says Holsinger. "But I don't think it's good to model apathy or pretend that we don't have a viewpoint. Also, in my class, I don't dictate how students define justice or what they determine to be a social problem."

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▶ Find someone with a job you want to provide guidance.

Though we can sometimes act like it, none of us actually know it all. When it comes to a career mentor, there's no better way to get ahead at your current job and prepare yourself for a better position.

"A mentor can work with you to enhance your abilities and increase the worth you bring to your organization," says Christine Endres, a branch manager for staffing firm Robert Half Management Resources. "For example, he or she can suggest areas outside of your current responsibilities in which you could benefit by gaining new knowledge."

When it comes to your career guru, seek out someone in a position you hope to one day hold. "The senior-level people in your company have a wealth of information and experience they're most likely willing to share," explains Nicole Williams, LinkedIn's connection director and author of "Girl on Top."

Be careful not to make it feel like you're honing in our their job, though, and keep the relationship informal. "Find someone you don't work directly under whose business style you admire and ask if she'd like to grab coffee while you pick her brain," says Williams. "As you maintain the relationship and continually demonstrate your desire to succeed, you'll gain a powerful ally who will have good things to say when your name comes up."

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Think outside your circles

Don't limit yourself to just people that you know. Steve Siebold, author of "177 Mental Toughness Secrets of The World Class," suggests you "copy genius." "Find three of the most successful people in your industry and copy everything they do," he says. "If you want to be a professional golfer, copy what Phil Mickelson is doing. If you want to advance in the tech world, follow what Bill Gates, Mark Zuckerberg or Sergey Brin did."

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Wild way to work with a King

Chasing his dream, designer went from cruise ship to giant in golf fashion to working with Arnie

Becoming wildly successful starts with having a dream, taking a risk and believing in yourself and your idea 100 percent. There are business plans and other stuff you might learn from your friends with an MBA, but for 33-year-old Geoff Tait, the co-owner of Quagmire Golf and creative director of Arnie, that's how he went from teaching golf on a cruise ship to designing a brand of clothes inspired by the most iconic golfer through the years — "The King" Arnold Palmer.

Tait, whose Quagmire Golf brand is one of the most trendy in the industry, was hand-selected by Palmer's people to re-create the style that made Arnie a timeless classic, both on and off the course. Palmer was recently ranked one of "The 25 Coolest Athletes of All Time" by GQ, which previously named him one of the "50 Most Stylish Men of the Past 50 Years."

Arnie style

Developed through countless hours researching primary source material — including Palmer's personal library of photographs from the 1950s, '60s and '70s, an archive of historically significant garments and even Palmer's own closet — the 2012 collection will be available at better green grass and off-course golf retailers.

Geoff, how does a guy from Canada go from working on a cruise ship to designing and reinventing golf icon Arnold Palmer's clothing brand?

It's all about following your passion and realizing that life is short. No one is going to hand you anything. You have to work your butt off and create your own opportunities. I've always wanted to do something great in the golf industry. After teaching the game on a cruise ship, I saw a market need for an alternatively styled golf apparel line and created Quagmire Golf with my business partner, Bob Pasternak. Doing things our own unique way for five years is what led to the relationship with Mr. Palmer and his team. It's a dream come true.

For our readers building their own business, what's one tip you'd offer someone at the crossroad, deciding whether to take the plunge?

You're only on this planet for a brief speck in time. If you have a dream, your window to make it come true is relatively narrow. Yes, going out and chasing it is scary. Yes, you're definitely going to have to make sacrifices. But if you believe 100 percent in your vision and put everything you have into making it a reality, you're skewing the odds in your favor.

What's most important: The idea, the person or having the breaks go your way?

Geoff Tait, left, is bringing Arnold Palmer's style back to life.

"The Arnie line of apparel represents the styles of clothing that are as popular today as they were in the earlier part of my career. It's been a real thrill to see some of my signature pieces come back to life, and experience the enthusiasm ... for introducing them to the next generation."
ARNOLD PALMER

Great ideas and amazing breaks certainly play a role in entrepreneurial success, but ultimately it's the person that's most important. You have to control your own destiny and be willing to put your chips on the table, or you'll be left talking about what could have been. I learned that the hard way a decade ago after I passed on opening a crab shack where cruise ships roll in on the island of Roatan in Honduras. The place is absolutely hopping today and I'd be sitting on a pile of loot, sipping island cocktails right now. But missing that chance is what led me to seize future opportunities and go after them with all I've got.

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Don't sit around waiting for them to call you — apply to other jobs to keep options open and your head in a positive place.

How to handle not getting the gig

The job market is difficult, sure, but knowing how to deal with job rejection will give you the edge over your competition. Don't get downtrodden, don't feel hopeless and, whatever you do, don't take it personally.

Process what went wrong

Don't beat yourself up — just examine what happened and plan how to make a better impression in the next interview. "Monday morning quarterbacking has a place," says relationship advisor and author April Masini. "Rejection is always an opportunity to build on who and what you are."

Get back in the networking game

There's no reason to be embarrassed that you need a little extra help. Reach out to the connections you already have — they might be the link between you and your next job. "Avoid cold-calling by working with your existing contacts to help introduce you to others," suggests Michelle Coussens, dean of the School of Business at Kendall College. "So many people have lost jobs, they are often happy to help someone else in their search."

Keep applying

Don't waste a minute waiting for a company's response. Instead, stop refreshing your e-mail and continue your search. "If you don't get this one, you'll have other irons in the fire, which, psychologically, is a much better position to be in when you get a rejection letter — rather than having to start from scratch with the weight of the [rejection] on your back," says Masini.

JULIA WEST

Give yourself a better chance

To avoid the interview crickets, make sure your résumé is tailored to each position for which you're applying.

"People have the wrong résumé," says career psychologist Eileen Sharaga. "They want to be all things to all people, but they need to focus a résumé that clearly positions them in a specific job."

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Our economy is not on road to health

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FRANK ST GEORGE, VIA E-MAIL

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RE: "RELIGIOUS FREEDOM GOOD; BIGOTRY, NOT": To the men who called Christians hateful bigots, I feel sorry for you. They are probably so angry because they are homosexual and are upset that the Bible is telling them to repent and stop being gay! As a believer I stand by Kirk Cameron 100 percent. Homosexuality is not normal and it cleary states this in the Bible. The Bible is the spoken word of God, every last bit of it is the word of truth. **E. TAYLOR, VIA E-MAIL**

'Why can't they fix the economy before they think of rising to the sun?'

Some of the rich acquire their wealth through thievery; some through honest means with a whit of cheating. Whenever the economy nosedives, some of these wealthy creatures of God will suddenly jump to their feet and tell the world that they have the magic to fix the economy only when they become the presidents. The question I am asking is this: Why can't they fix the economy before they think of rising to the sun? Must they reach the sun before they fix the economy? Time will probably tell when politicians and their rhetoric are born-again believers.
YEMI D. PRINCE, VIA E-MAIL.

Democrat women: Real woman haters

I wonder how many of Rush Limbaugh's critics are willing to demand that Obama return Bill Maher's million-dollar donation. Maher has said slurs and rants that can't be published in Metro. And when do liberals plan to go after the vulgar and misogynistic rappers who donate to Democrats? If liberals really were champions of women, they would not defend Sharia Law. **ROCKY LORE, BOSTON**

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♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** Meaningful projects that you personally direct have excellent chances for success.
♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** Most of the time, it is unwise to rely totally on your hunches while ignoring your logic. Today, though, could be one of those rare exceptions.
♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** If a face-to-face meeting concerning an important involvement with another becomes necessary, don't use a surrogate, even if you think that person could do a better job.
♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** Don't be afraid if you get drawn into a competitive involvement that has rather high emotional or financial stakes.
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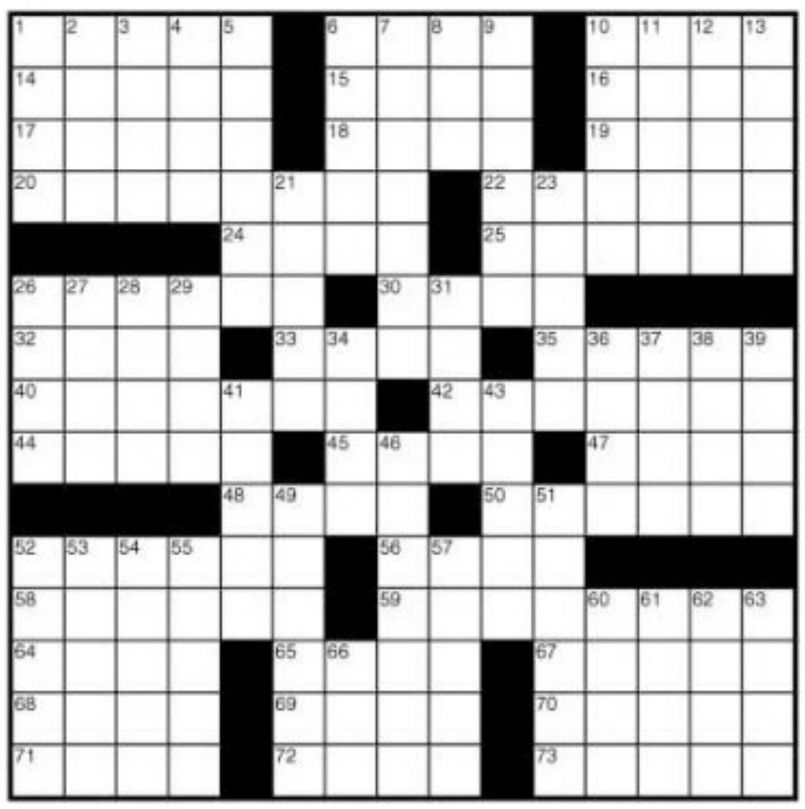

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The big boys of March

Players to watch as teams march toward New Orleans Davis, Marshall lead Kentucky, UNC Creighton's McDermott a sleeper

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▶ Anthony Davis is poised to be the star of the NCAA tournament.

One great facet of the NCAA tournament is how it makes instant stars out of rather unknown players. Each year, some guy from Second Rate State drains five 3s to key a first-round upset. Within minutes he, and his team, are embedded in college basketball lore.

More often than not those players are obscure outside the dining hall until their big day in the Big Dance. Until they make a splash, here are some players we know will be factors as long as their team is still alive:

Anthony Davis, F, Kentucky
The favorite for National Player-of-the-Year honors, Davis led top-ranked Kentucky in scoring and rebounding and easily topped the nation in blocked shots with nearly five swats a game. The 6-foot-10 freshman can dominate on both ends for the top-ranked Wildcats, who went more than three months without a loss before falling in the SEC title game Sunday.

Kendall Marshall, G, North Carolina
Tyler Zeller, Harrison Barnes and John Henson get plenty of pub for the Heels, but Marshall makes them go and this event is rife with tales of great point guard play propelling a team to the top. As a freshman in last year's tournament, Marshall averaged 9.8 assists to get UNC to the Elite Eight. He ranked second in the country in assists per game this season.

Thomas Robinson, F, Kansas
The top rebounder in the Big 12 and the Jayhawks' leading scorer, Robinson is a double-double machine. He shot 46 percent from the floor in the Jayhawks' six losses and 55.1 percent in their 27 wins.

Doug McDermott, F, Creighton
McDermott, a sophomore, has a grand total of 10 assists in his last 14 games. That's another way of saying he is a pure scorer, the guy the Blue Jays want holding the ball in a tight game. He had 73 points in three days to lift Creighton to the Missouri Valley Conference crown.

John Jenkins, G, Vanderbilt
The SEC's leading scorer made more 3-pointers than anyone in the country this season, averaging nearly four a game. If he gets hot, Vandy can cruise into the second weekend for the third time in nine years. Jenkins had 17 points in the Commodores' upset of Kentucky on Sunday, including the game's final four points from the line.

Jared Sullinger, C, Ohio State
Draymond Green of Michigan State won the Big 10 Player of the Year award, but Sullinger is the kind of interior force (like Davis and Robinson) who can control these tournament games. He had 21 points and 16 rebounds in a loss to Kentucky in the Sweet 16 last season and scored 54 in the first two rounds of the Big 10 tournament this year.

Tu Holloway, G, Xavier
Gained national fame, and plenty of criticism, when he uttered these words after a brawl-marred win over rival Cincinnati in December: "We got a whole bunch of gangstas in the locker room, not thugs but tough guys on the court. We went out there and zipped 'em up at the end of the game." The senior's numbers dipped a bit this season, but he's battle-tested and obviously has a little chip on his shoulder. Holloway averaged 20.8 points in four games in the A-10 tournament.

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Tourney studs

Other names to watch this March:

1. **Kevin Jones, F, West Virginia** Jones, a senior, had 21 double-doubles, leading the Big East in scoring and rebounding. He helped WVU to the Final Four as a sophomore.
2. **Isaiah Canaan, G, Murray State** A member of the All-Biblical team, Canaan can score in droves. He topped 30 points four times this year.
3. **Four McGlynn, G, Vermont** They may not make it past the play-in game but watch out if the Catamounts do. McGlynn does severe damage from long range.

Harvard ready to dance in NCAA tourney for first time since 1946

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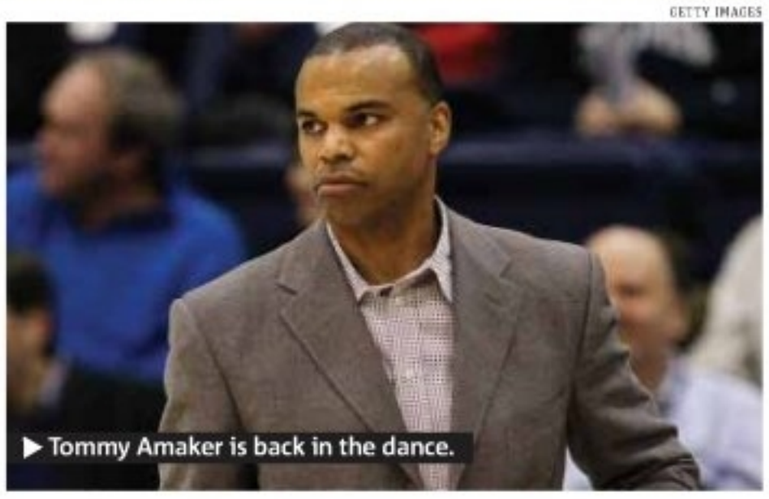

▶ Tommy Amaker is back in the dance.

Tommy Amaker is no stranger to NCAA tournament play.

His current school and its players most certainly. The Crimson learned their NCAA tournament fates Sunday as they will square off with No. 5-seeded Vanderbilt in the East Region.

While thoughts of playing a "home game" in the Sweet Sixteen at TD Garden next week are enticing, the Crimson can't look past Vanderbilt, who were one of the surprise teams of the SEC this season.

Just three weeks ago, many tabbed Vanderbilt as a Final Four sleeper.

The winner of Harvard-Vanderbilt will face the winner of Wisconsin-Montana on Saturday.

The winner of the March 17 game will head to TD Garden the following week for the Sweet Sixteen.

Kentucky, Michigan State, Syracuse and UNC were the No. 1 seeds. METRO

In the news

Banged up B's
The Bruins took an ugly 5-2 loss on Sunday to the Penguins as Tim Thomas was pulled from net after a period.

Patrice Bergeron and Adam McQuaid were also dinged up as the Bruins allowed Pittsburgh to jump out to a 3-0 lead in the first period.

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▶ Celtics guard Ray Allen looks for the call Sunday as L.A.'s Kobe Bryant backs him down.

Three things learned in LA

Celtics inch closer to trade deadline with few answers after loss to the Lakers ◐ Bass comes up big despite loss to archrivals ◐ Lakers have dominated Celtics dating back to 2010 NBA Finals ◐ Starters play big minutes

Three things we learned on Sunday as the Celtics fell hard to the Lakers:

Slow Start

The NBA is a game of runs, so when the Celtics went down by 16 points early on in the game, you had to hope the trend wouldn't continue. Paul Pierce couldn't hit the broad side of a barn to start, and the C's were caught up in "hero ball," trying to do it all themselves. Doc Rivers said it numerous times that in order to come back, they needed to play together. Sure enough, they finally did. The C's trailed by just two points at halftime, and it was back and forth from there.

Bass master

Say what you will about Danny Ainge, but he absolutely won the Glen Davis for Brandon Bass deal with the Magic. Bass had probably the best game of his season, finishing with 15 points, eight rebounds (four offensive), three assists, two steals, and two blocks. He was all over the place in the fourth quarter, and played a huge part in the C's staying with the Lakers. He missed a big shot in the last minute that would have put the C's ahead by one, but you certainly can't pin the loss on him. Bass has a $4 million player option for next season, which he will most likely opt out of.

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▶ Tom Brady took in the action Sunday in L.A.

What's left in the tank?

Here are the minutes for Sunday's Celtics starters: Paul Pierce 39, Brandon Bass 43, Kevin Garnett 35, Ray Allen 39, Rajon Rondo 40. Sunday was the first game of an eight-game road trip, and also the first game of a back-to-back, as the C's play the Clippers tonight on the same floor. The Clippers are a young, athletic team that will certainly exploit the C's tired bodies.

It's also the always highly anticipated matchup between Rondo and Chris Paul, so it will (hopefully) be interesting.

Rondo has been able to raise his level of play against top-flight competition this season. Despite playing 40 minutes Sunday, he does have youth on his side.

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Snake bit

The Celtics lost to the Lakers for the second time in as many games this season. A look at the first encounter:

The C's fell in OT on Feb. 9 as Paul Pierce's last second shot rimmed out. Pau Gasol dominated the C's as he had 25 points, 14 rebounds and a block of Ray Allen's put-back.

March 15 The trade deadline is this Thursday at 3 p.m.

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▶ Jordan Theodore and Seton Hall fans were left grimacing yesterday after their name wasn't called.

Three big snubs on selection day

◐ Let's hope you aren't a Seton Hall fan ◐ Dragons, Wildcats also snubbed ◐ And who thought Iona was in?

Forget the matchups, immediately after the brackets are released every year, fans immediately begin debating which schools got snubbed and which were mysteriously included.

We'll get started breaking down the tournament tomorrow, but for now, we want to take a look at some of those teams that made your jaw drop on Selection Sunday — good and bad.

To be fair, chairman Jeff Hathaway and the rest of the Selection Committee did a fairly good job this year in our book. Though the former Connecticut athletic director didn't do the defending champions any favors sticking them in with Kentucky.

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Seton Hall (20-12, RPI: 61)

It's hard to feel bad for any team in the Big East being snubbed, especially when nine conference members got in.

Seton Hall had plenty of chances to earn their way in also. And yet, how does a team that beat VCU, West Virginia, UConn and Georgetown get left out? Those are all tournament teams and the Pirates handled them all.

The committee probably was looking for a win in the second round of the Big East tournament over Louisville. In retrospect, that would've been a Herculean accomplishment. The Cardinals won the tournament and the Pirates are now left sitting at home.

Northwestern (18-13, RPI: 59)

That 18 is an ugly number if you're going to try to sneak in as an at-large team, but stick with me.

The Wildcats played the 15th toughest schedule in the country. They beat No. 1 seed Michigan State, but they were done in by too many close losses, including heartbreakers at Michigan and against Ohio State.

Drexel (27-6, RPI: 64)

It's hard being the little guy. Drexel was the top seed in the Colonial Athletic Conference tournament, they made the final and lost by three to VCU. That was, apparently, their only shot.

They won 17 in a row to close out the regular season, including one over VCU, but their strength of schedule was 248th. They played no one. The VCU win was their only against a tourney team, while they lost to both Norfolk State and Virginia.

Iona and South Florida were teams that just barely snuck in.

Williams, Sixers rout Knicks for third straight win

Sweet Lou pours in 28 points Turner adds 24 in 106-94 victory Philly leads Celtics by three games

Lou Williams keeps stating his case to be the Sixers' closer. And Evan Turner keeps showing why he was the No. 2 overall pick in 2010.

The duo combined for 52 points in a 106-94 win yesterday over the skidding New York Knicks. Williams poured in 28 points, including a dozen in the final 3:28 of the third quarter, and Turner finished with 24 points and 15 rebounds. Andre Iguodala added 19 points and Thaddeus Young had 14 as the Sixers shot 50 percent from the field.

"We were clicking on both ends," Iguodala said. "I think we did a better job of trying to get to the basket and trying to get the foul calls and get to the free throw line. That kind of made the basket a little bit bigger for us."

Williams' flurry highlighted a high-scoring third quarter for the Sixers. The team scored 38 points in the third to the Knicks' 24 and built a 21-point lead early in the fourth.

"Thirty-eight points in the third quarter is just crazy," Knicks coach Mike D'Antoni said. "It's hard to explain sometimes."

The Sixers have won three straight games, with a 19-point average margin of victory. The Knicks have lost five straight contests and eight of their last 11. METRO

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▶ Andre Iguodala finished with 19 points.

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▶ Evan Turner defended Jeremy Lin yesterday.

Atlantic Division

With the Celtics loss to the Lakers, and Philly's win over the Knicks Sunday, the 76ers lead Boston by three games.

Fourth seed: The fourth seed is coveted as division winners in the NBA can finish no lower than No. 4. The Sixers currently own the fourth East seed and would play Indiana in the first round.

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1 NICE THREADS — Your mom and Suzanne in accounting swear by this method ... and so should you. What, you actually watch the games? Picking teams by the color of their uniform is as old as the tournament itself. If you haven't checked out Baylor's fluorescent unis yet, do yourself a favor. Watch one of their games late-night and you're a glow stick and a pacifier away from being at a rave.

2 BRAWL FOR IT ALL — Pick a team with some grit and a team that could very well show up in New Orleans ready to throw down with the opposition ... literally. Yup, we're looking at you Cincinnati.

3 ROAD TRIPS — Get out of mom and dad's basement.

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▶ Fluorescent green with envy.

This is college. Have some fun on the road. Afterall, the drinks have that much more of a kick away from home. Sorry, BYU.

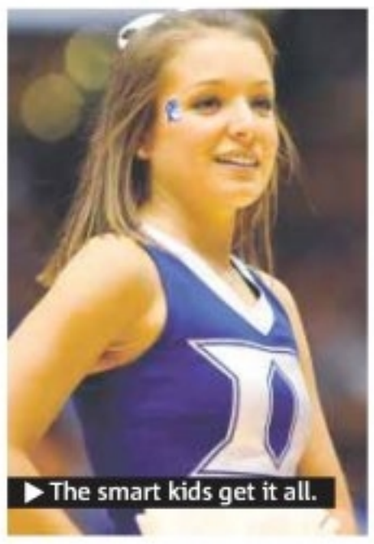
4 SLEAZE IT UP — What fun is March without snake-oil salesmen like John Calipari? While Cal has yet to win the big one, his team of "one-and-doners" once again has some of the best talent in the field. So take the grease, in this case. Rick Pitino's Louisville-squad might work as well. As we all know by now, sleaze wins in the NCAA. Sorry, Brad Stevens.

5 GEOGRAPHICALLY CHALLENGED — Is the middle of your bracket loaded with the usual suspects (Kansas, Duke, UNC, UConn, Syracuse etc.)? Try picking a couple of teams to advance to the Sweet Sixteen that you've never heard of or are uncertain as to where, exactly, they are from. The Belmont Bruins assuredly await your selection.

6 HISTORY IS ON YOUR SIDE — The last time the Final Four was located in New Orleans, Syracuse brought home the trophy for Jim Boeheim. Kansas, Marquette and Texas were the three other teams to make it to "The Big Easy" back in 2003. 'Cuse has had nearly a week of prep work for their first rounder.

7 HIGH STAKES COACHES — The heavyweight coaches in this field truly care about history. Coach K is chasing his fifth national championship, Jim Calhoun his fourth, Roy Williams his third, Jim Boeheim his second and Rick Pitino his second. Many members of this group are on their last legs in the coaching world and adding one more title to their résumé would work wonders for their legacies. Go with the legends.

8 EAST COAST BIAS — Only one of the last 10 NCAA champions was located west of the Mississippi. The last true teams from the West to win were Arizona in 1997 and UCLA in 1995.



▶ The smart kids get it all.

9 SCREW GPAs — In the words of the immortal Dark Helmet from Spaceballs, "good is dumb." In this case, dumb is good. So don't pick a Harvard to go farther than say, a UConn. The defending national champion Huskies' academic progress rate scores were so low last season that the NCAA docked Jim Calhoun and Co. two scholarships.

10 CONFERENCE JENGA — The Big East sent a record 11 teams to the dance last year but only two of the 11 teams made the Sweet Sixteen. UConn was the lone Final Four representative. The Big East once again lapped the field in getting teams into the dance but there's certainly no guarantee that two or three will be around come Elite Eight time. MATT BURKE

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